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COUNTY COURT HOUSE.—UKIAH.

Mendocino County, California.

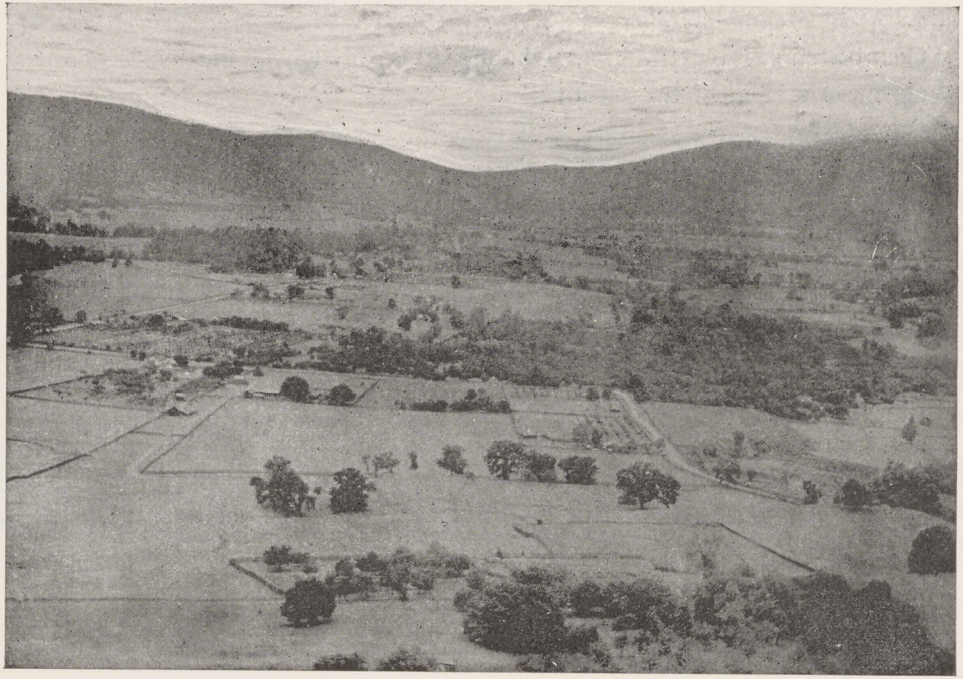
MENDOCINO COUNTY lies in the northern part of California. The County seat, Ukiah, is 113 miles north of San Francisco. The County is bounded by Humboldt and Trinity counties on the north; by Lake, Glenn and Tehama counties on the East; on the south by Sonoma county; on the west by the Pacific Ocean.

It has an area of 3780 square miles, and is about 80 miles long from north to south, and 45 miles wide from east to west. It is half the size of the whole State of Massachusetts. It has a population of about 25,000, and a school census—children between five and seventeen years of age—of 5200.

The County is divided into two distinct sections by a branch of the Coast Range mountains; these sections are called the Coast Portion and the Valley Portion. The Coast Portion consists almost entirely of the redwood

forest section of the County. Along the immediate Coast portion of the County, the lumber mills and towns are situated, and along this section extends quite a belt of fine agricultural land, devoted principally to dairying, and the growing of potatoes, berries, vegetables and the cereal grains. Blackberries, strawberries and huckleberries grow wild in large quantities.

The interior of the County, or that lying east of the branch of the Coast Range mountains, which marks the inner edge of the redwood belt, is devoted to agriculture and the raising of live stock. The County is well watered by numerous large streams, which flow from this dividing ridge westward into the Pacific Ocean, and by the Russian River in the interior of the County, which has its source about twenty-five miles north of Ukiah, flowing southerly, making a fine agricultural valley throughout its whole course. This river continues southerly into Sonoma County, until reaching Healdsburg, where it deflects from its course, westerly, until it reaches the Pacific Ocean. North of the source of Russian River the great Eel River, which flows into the Ocean in the southwestern part of Humboldt



A PART OF ANDERSON VALLEY.

County, spreads out its great winding arms throughout the whole of the northern portion of the County.

The principal agricultural valleys of the County are the Sanel, Ukiah, Potter, on Russian River; Round Valley, Eden Valley, Little Lake Valley, Long Valley, and Sherwood Valley, on Eel River; Anderson Valley on the Navarro River, and Manchester, on the Garcia River, the last two on the Coast.

The assessed valuation of the County is about thirteen millions of dollars. It has four high schools—Ukiah, Mendocino, Fort Bragg, and Round Valley. It has 150 grammar and primary schools. These schools are well distributed through the County, and are situated so as to be convenient to families, no matter how remote from centers of population or towns. The average rainfall of the County is forty inches. The wet season extends from about the middle of October to the middle of May. The prevailing winds are northwesterly. The seasons might be termed wet and dry seasons, although no irrigation is required in the County, for the crops

THE CITY OF UKIAH.

that are raised, and crops do not suffer from drought at any time. June, July, August, and September, in the interior, are considered the warm months, yet, during the summer months the nights are cool and pleasant. During the winter season, there is no exceedingly cold weather. Snow very rarely falls, and then only to the depth of a few inches, remaining scarcely longer than a day, excepting in the higher altitudes. The thermometer never registers as low as zero; the low average being 44 degrees, and high average 71 degrees. Though we have hot spells during the summer months, they are of brief duration, and such a thing as sun-stroke is never known. The heat during the summer months is never enervating, and the nights are deliciously comfortable.

The climate of the Coast portion of the county is so moderated by the influences of the ocean, as to make the summers cool and the winters mild, and to effect an equable temperature, the year round, the thermometer varying scarcely 15 degrees. There are about 120 miles of sea coast, affording numerous harbors and road steads, where vessels load with the

THE TOWN OF COVELO.—NORTHERN MENDOCINO.

products of that part of the County. All the streams of the County abound in trout. Wild game—quail, grouse, pigeons, and deer, are abundant.

Crops never fail. Of farming lands there are about 200,000 acres; grazing land, about 1,100,000 acres. Timber lands, (chiefly redwood), 900,000 acres. The California Northwestern Railway connects Mendocino County with San Francisco and runs 60 miles through the County from south to north, and at the present time terminates at Willits, twenty four miles north of Ukiah. Ocean steamers and sailing vessels connect the Coast portion with San Francisco. Surveys are being made at the present time for railroads through the great timber belt, and for extensions North to Eureka, the county seat of Humboldt County.

THE CITY OF POINT ARENA.—COAST.

PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIES.

Lumber and all its products; tan bark taken from the tan oak tree; wool; live stock, of all kinds; dairying; deciduous fruits (apples, prunes, and pears, leading); all the cereal grains; alfalfa, corn, potatoes, grapes, wines, hops, hay, garden vegetables.

Good comfortable homes, improved, can be purchased for prices varying from $500.00 to $5,000.00. Unimproved lands, from $3.00 to $100.00 per acre, owing to their situation, location, and character.

The principal coast towns naming them from the north to the south, are Westport; Fort Bragg, the largest and incorporated, and the location of the mills, shipping facilities, and railroad of the Union Lumber Company; Caspar, Mendocino, Albion, Greenwood, Manchester, Point Arena, and Gualala, at the extreme southwestern part of the County. Willits, Ukiah (the county seat), and Hopland, are situated along the line of the California Northwestern Railway; Booneville is the principal town of Anderson Valley;

VIEW OF MENDOCINO CITY.—COAST.

Laytonville, of Long Valley; Covelo, of Round Valley, and Potter, of Potter Valley. At Gualala, Greenwood, Albion, Mendocino, Fort Bragg, Westport, and Usal, are located large lumber mills. These mills, in addition to having their logs floated on the streams on which they are situated, have modern railroads extending into the heart of the redwood belt. The largest mill in the interior is that of the Northwestern Redwood Company, being at the terminus of the California Northwestern Railway, at Willits.

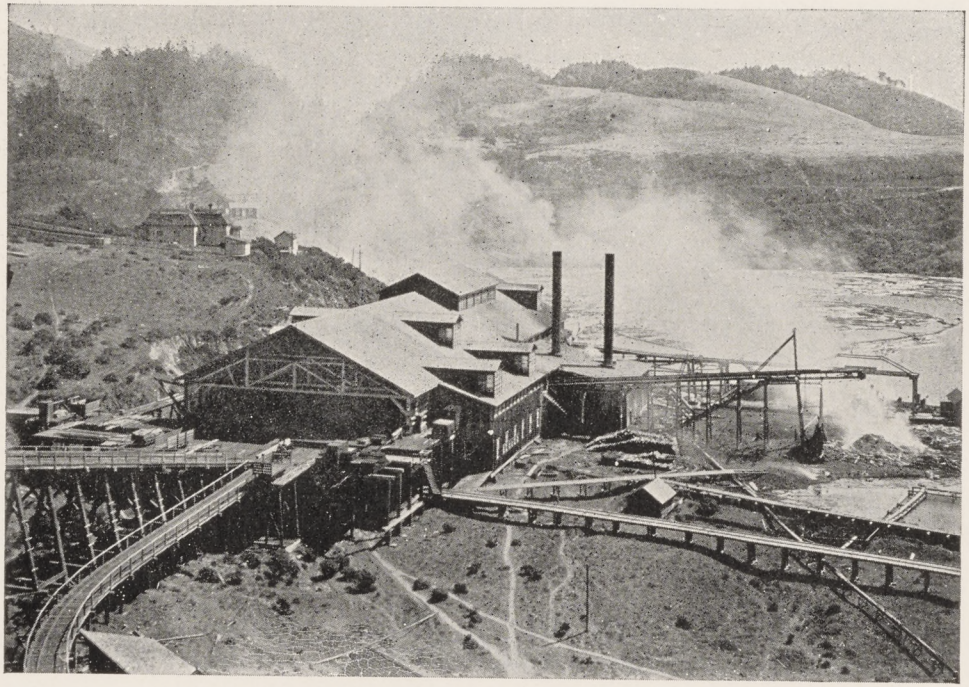
There are numerous smaller mills throughout the timber belt to supply the local demand for lumber, shingles, shakes, etc. All of these mills employ a large number of persons in the woods, about the shipping points, on their railroads, and in their mills. There is considerable employment for farming hands throughout the County also, and in Russian River Valley, during the season for picking hops and fruit, from August until about the middle of October, there is employment for a great number of people.

The climate of Mendocino County is healthful and entirely free from any malarious conditions; there is no time in the year that farming and

REDWOODS, ANDERSON VALLEY.—NAVARRO RIVER.

other labor necessary to be performed cannot be done in the open air. In fact people in delicate health and suffering from malaria, rheumatism, and other kindred diseases, are constantly seeking this County and locating here for the express purpose of being restored to health and for the beneficial effects of its climate. The water is pure, clear, and cold. Mendocino County is well traversed with roads and highways which are kept in good repair, and can be traveled at all seasons of the year. There are seven public roads at the present time crossing the timber belt and connecting the coast with the valleys. The line dividing Lake County from Mendocino on the east is but five or six miles east of the County seat, on the summit of the range of mountains dividing the waters of Clear Lake and the waters of Russian River. Lakeport, the county seat of Lake County, can be reached from Ukiah, the county seat of Mendocino County, by a good road, easy of travel, by way of Blue Lakes, a distance of thirty miles.

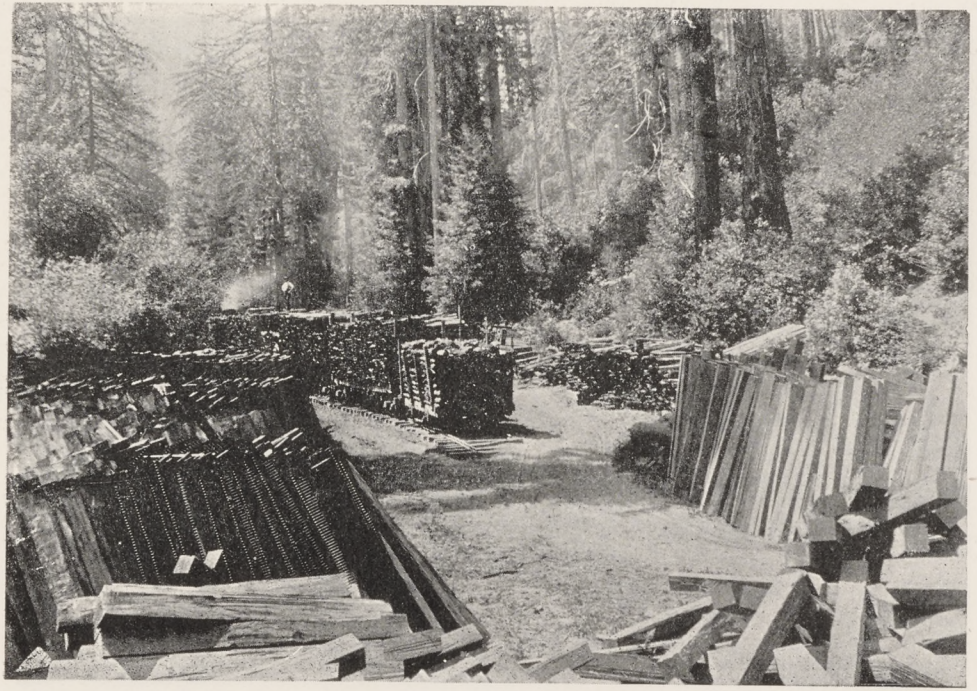
There is yet a large quantity of public land in the County open to settlement by homesteaders, but of course, this vacant land lies principally among what is classified as the grazing lands, and its general character is



L. E. WHITE COMPANY'S MILL.—AT ELK, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

hilly and mountainous, and usually covered with brush and wood. There are many tracts yet, however, which could be titled under the United States Homestead Act, that will afford comfortable homes for families.

Definite information regarding it can be had by inquiry of the United States Land Office, at San Francisco, California, in which land district the County is situated.

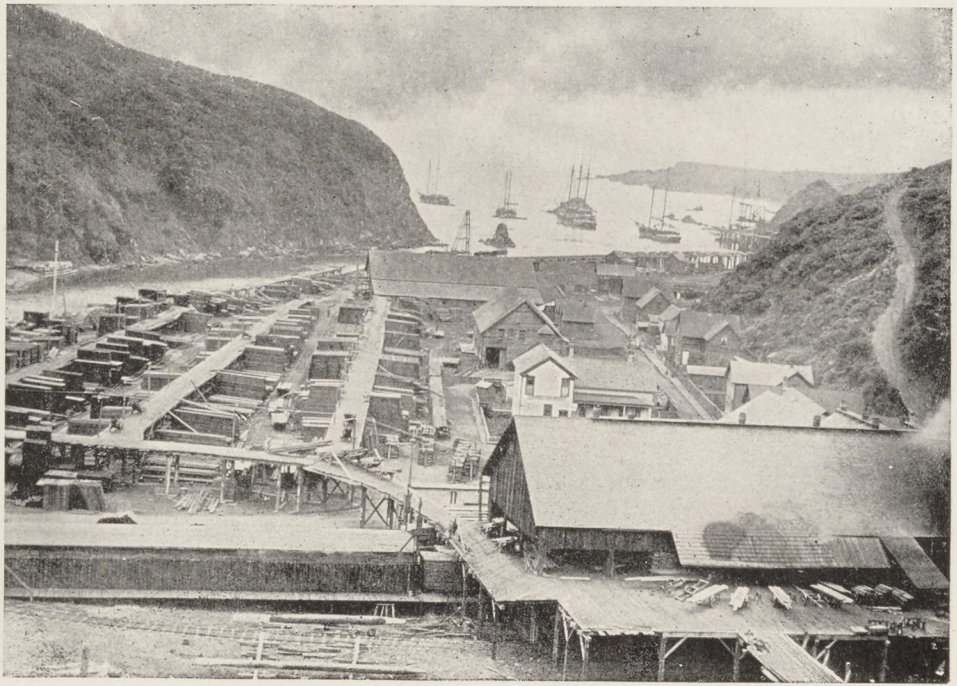


RAILROAD TIES AND TAN BARK, READY FOR SHIPMENT.

A WHITE OAK.

MENDOCINO HIGH SCHOOL.—COAST.

WINTER.—A VIEW ON RUSSIAN RIVER, NEAR UKIAH.



ALBION LUMBER CO'S MILL AT ALBION.

REDWOOD LOGS.—WAITING FOR A FRESHET TO CARRY THEM TO THE MILL.

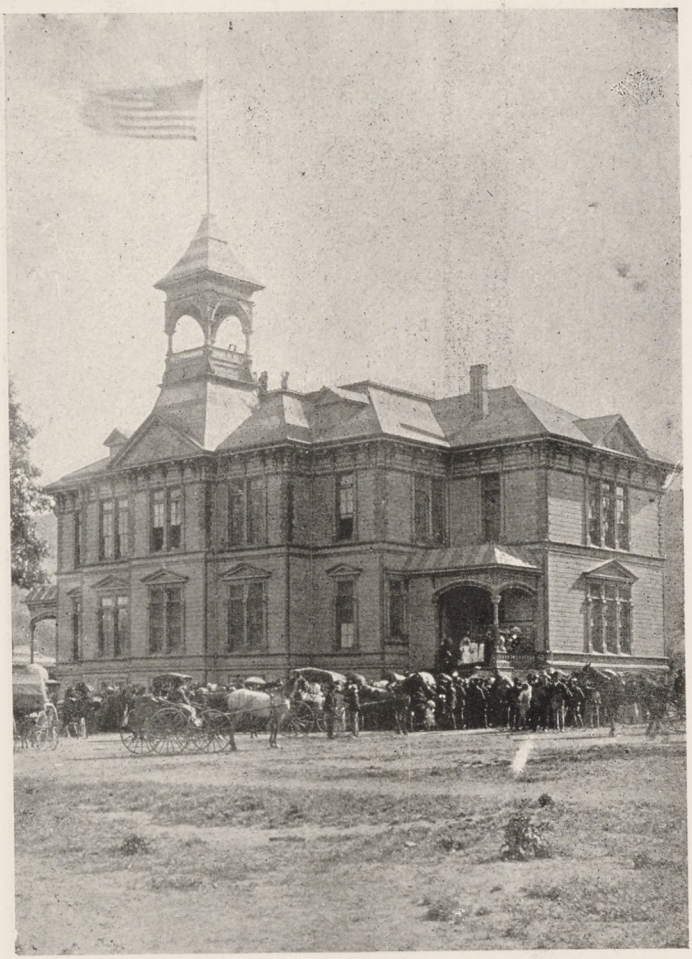
PUTTING LOGS IN MILL POND FORT BRAGG.

WESTPORT, NORTHERN MENDOCINO.—COAST.

VINEYARD.—NEAR UKIAH.

ON THE COAST.—NEAR POINT ARENA.

THE GREENWOOD CREAMERY.—COAST.



UKIAH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

RESIDENCES.—UKIAH.

MENDOCINO WOOL AND MUTTON.

HARVESTING ONE OF THE STAPLES.

AFTER THE CHOPPER.

MENDOCINO STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE.—NEAR UKIAH.

FROM THE TROUT STREAMS OF THE COUNTY

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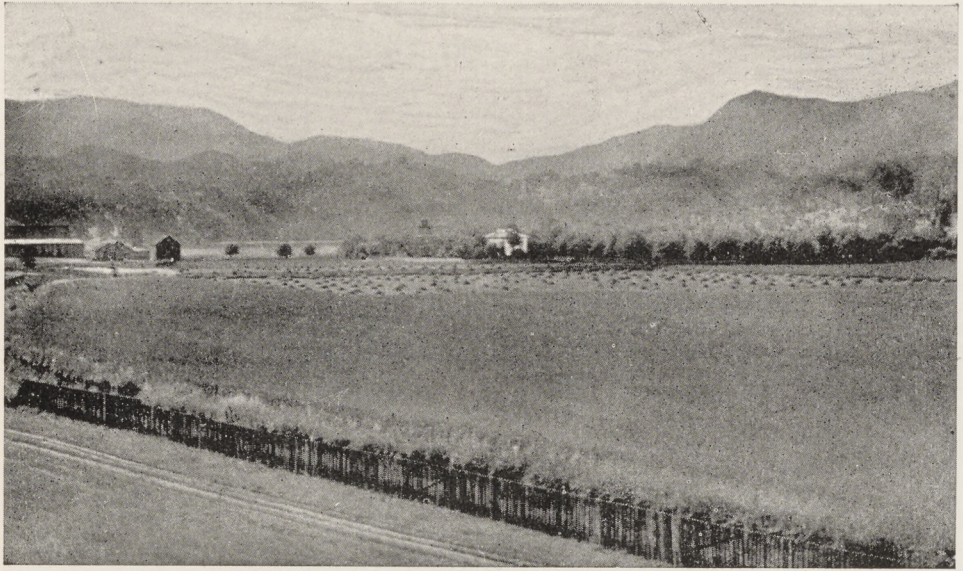
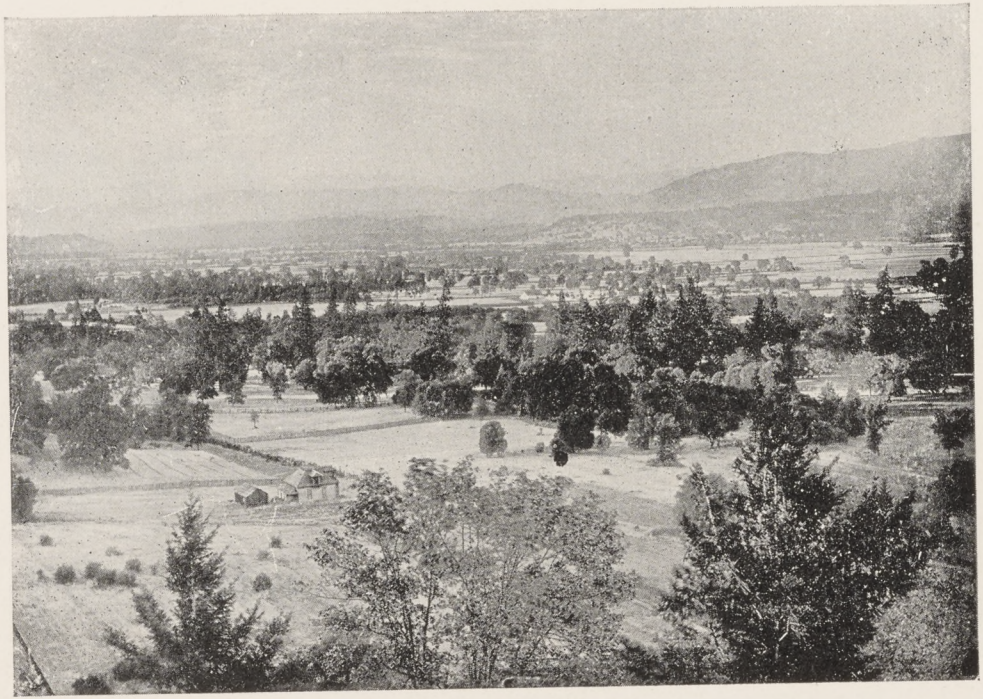
TROUT PROPAGATION, CAL. N. R'Y SPAWNING STATION.—WILLITS.

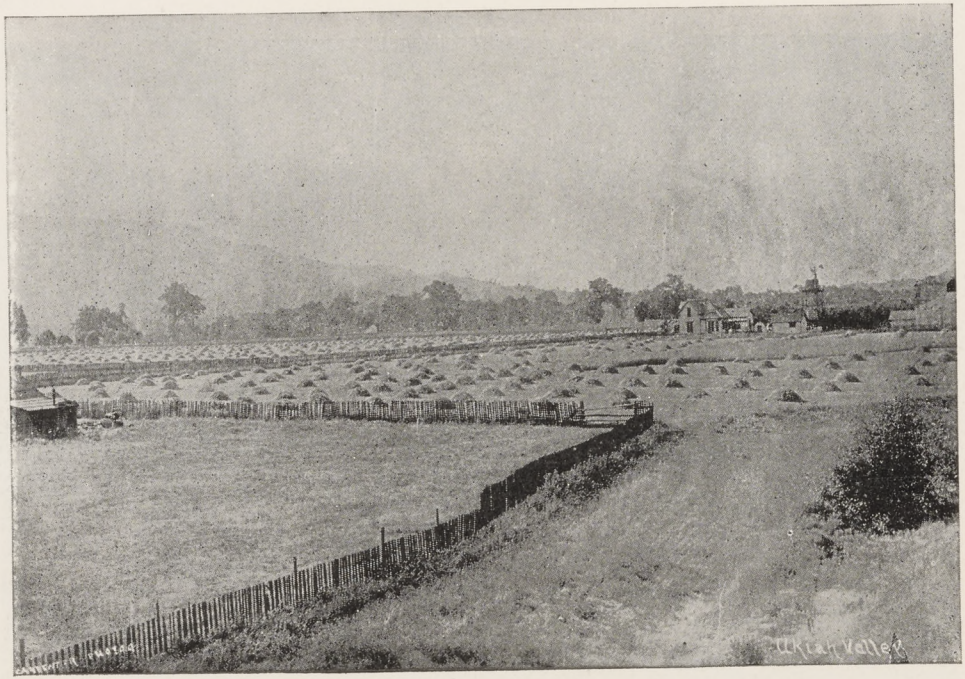


A POTTER VALLEY FARM.



UKIAH VALLEY.

FROM THE WOODS TO THE MILL.



HAY SCENE.—NEAR UKIAH.

FORT BRAGG PUBLIC SCHOOL.—COAST.

BEFORE THE WIRE CABLE AND STEAM DUMMY.

STEELHEAD TROUT

ROBINSON CREEK FALLS.—NEAR UKIAH.

A HOME IN THE REDWOODS.

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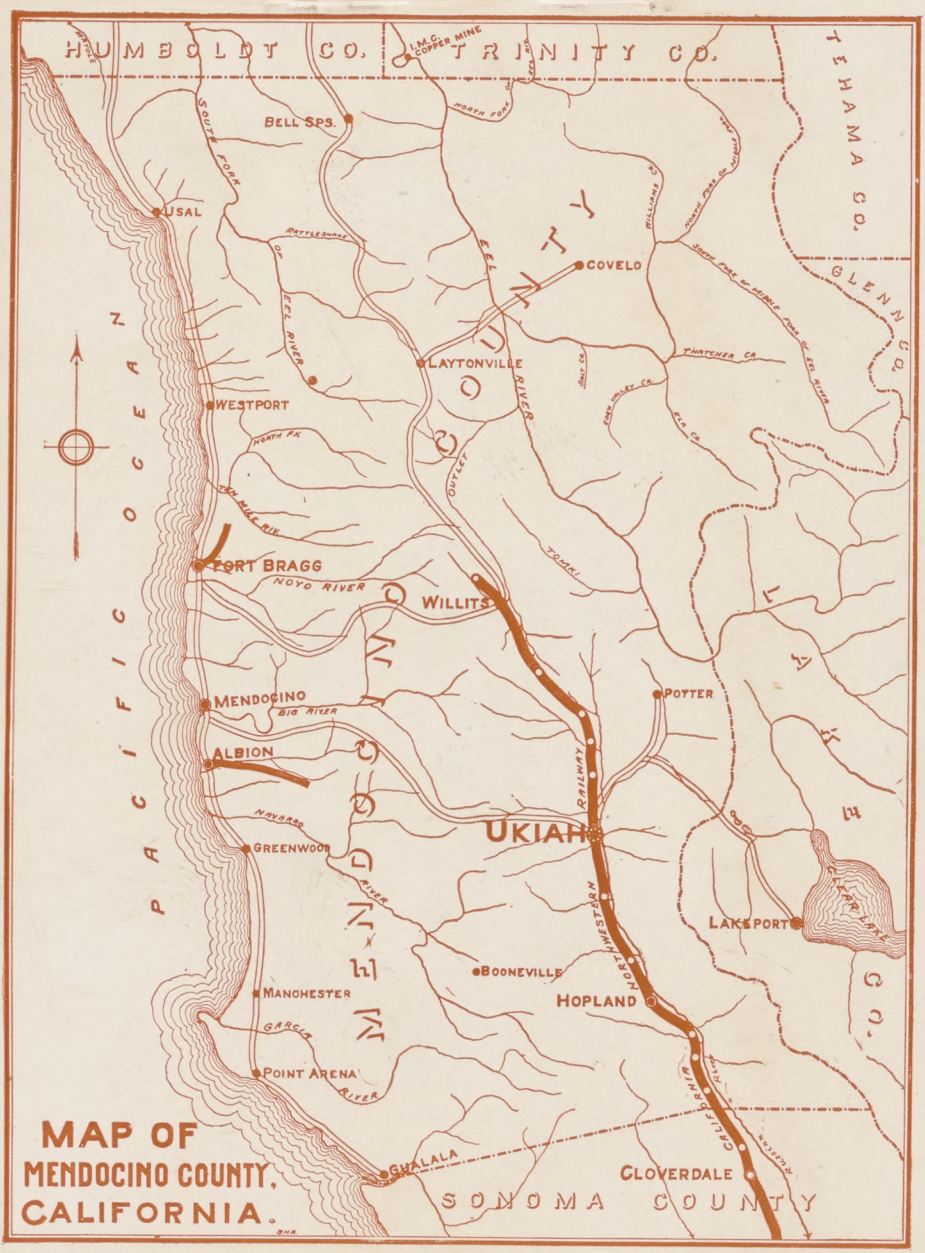
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